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SUBJECT: FAA ADMINISTRATOR'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. FAA ADMINISTRATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR CARACAS AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE MAIQUETIA AIRPORT 1400 HOURS DECEMBER 3. WILL BE MET BY BRIG. GEN. GREGORIO LOPEZ GARCIA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT; DR. JOSE ANTONIO GOMEZ BALDO, DIRECTOR OF THE MAIQUETIA AIRPORT PROJECT AND ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. POSSIBILITY BRIG. GEN. EDGAR SUAREZ MIER Y TERAN, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS WILL ALSO BE AT AIRPORT RECEPTION BUT THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. DARWIN

SWETT, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE FOR THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER AND WILL ALSO BE AT AIRPORT.

2. ENTIRE BUTTERFIELD PARTY HAS RESERVATIONS AT THE CARACAS HILTON HOTEL.

3. APPOINTMENTS FOR AFTERNOON DECEMBER 3:

1530: AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK AT U.S. EMBASSY.

1630: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, ARMANDO SANCHEZ BUENO AND GENERAL SUAREZ. AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK WILL PRESENT MR. BUTTERFIELD.

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4. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS ARNOLDO JOSE GABALDON CANNOT GUARANTEE MEETING WITH BUTTERFIELD INASMUCH AS CABINET MEETINGS TAKE PLACE THAT AFTERNOON AND URGENT MATTERS MAY PRECLUDE MEETING. MINISTER GABALDON WILL, HOWEVER, HOST DINNER FOR BUTTERFIELD PARTY EVENING DECEMBER 3 WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE AMPLE TIME TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. ALL AIRCRAFT SERVICING AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH JAMES LAMPE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS OPERATIONS MANAGER, MAIQUETIA AIRPORT.

6. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS AS FOLLOWS:  
ARNOLDO JOSE GABALDON: BORN 1938. BACHELOR DEGREE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS 1955; CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE 1960, BOTH AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. MASTERS DEGREE IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 1961. SPENT ONE YEAR IN TRAINING COURSE SPONSORED BY U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES. RECEIVED DIPLOMA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FROM MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY OF GREAT BRITAIN IN 1973. TWICE DECORATED BY VENEZUELAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS. MAIN CAREER HAS BEEN IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING AND NATIONAL PLANNING. HAS REPRESENTED VENEZUELA WITH CONSIDERABLE FREQUENCY OVER PAST DECADE AT INTERNATIONAL IRRIGATION, NATIONAL PLANNING AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING MEETINGS. HAS PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS ON HYDROGRAPHICS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND IS AUTHOR OF 25 SCIENCE ARTICLES IN HIS FIELD. IS MEMBER OF LARGE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES INCLUDING AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. FLUENT IN ENGLISH.

ARMANDO SANCHEZ BUENO: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS.  
BORN 1922. HAS BACHELOR DEGREE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (1947) FROM LOCAL UNIVERSITY. SPENT MANY YEARS AS PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND MOST RECENTLY WAS MEMBER OF THE LAW FACULTY AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN CARACAS. HIS PUBLIC CHARGES HAVE BEEN DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONAGAS, VICE PRESIDENT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT FISCAL COMMISSION. WAS THREE TIMES ELECTED DEPUTY IN THE DEMOCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTION PARTY; HAS PUBLISHED ONE BOOK ON TAXATION AND NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON PUBLIC FINANCE AND ECONOMICS. IS THOUGHT TO UNDERSTAND SOME ENGLISH BUT DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

7. BOTH GENERAL SUAREZ, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND GENERAL LOPEZ GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT, ARE CAREER VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS WITH LONG YEARS OF SERVICE; BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH. DR GOMEZ BALDO, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC

WORKS IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROFICIENT PROJECT  
ENGINEERS IN VENEZUELA; IS U.S. EDUCATED, SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH  
AND HAS BEEN PROJECT ENGINEER FOR A NUMBER OF VENEZUELA'S LARGEST  
PROJECTS INCLUDING THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST HYDROELECTRIC DAM.  
MCCLINTOCK

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